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In re the application of:

ULLRICH et al.

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For: EGF RECEPTOR TRANSACTIVATION BY G-PROTEIN-COUPLED
RECEPTORS REQUIRES METALLOPROTEINASE CLEAVAGE OF
proHB-EGF

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2000

Sir:

This paper is filed as a supplement to the AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111 which was filed December 13, 2000 and in response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Remarks

Further in response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2000, Applicants submit the three references Daub et al. (Nature, **379**: 557-560, 1996), Luttrell et al. (Current Opinion in Cell Biology, **11**: 177-183, 1999) and Zwick et al. (TiPS, **20**: 408-412, 1999) which were cited in Applicants' AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111 which was filed December 13, 2000. Applicants note that these three references were inadvertently omitted from the AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111, filed December 13, 2000, which cited these references as enclosed therein.

Applicants apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused by such omission.


Applicants respectfully urge the claimed invention is in condition for allowance, and request early notification to that effect.

Applicants respectfully note that the AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.111 was complete and responsive and thus timely filed, irrespective of the inadvertent omission of these three references. Applicants thus respectfully urge that no extension of time is required.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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